



E-Cycle Wisconsin Transition Year and Deadline Changes Information

Since 2010, the E-Cycle Wisconsin program, administered by the Department of Natural Resources, has operated under a July 1-June 30 program year. A law enacted in 2021 ([2021 Wisconsin Act 79](#)) created a “transition year” running from July 1, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2023, after which E-Cycle Wisconsin program years will match the calendar year. Beginning in 2024, registration and reporting deadlines for registered collectors, manufacturers and recyclers will change to reflect the new program year timing.

The DNR has created this document to help E-Cycle Wisconsin program participants understand and comply with the changes. Please refer to [s. 287.17, Wis. Stats.](#), for exact language. If you have questions about how the program year changes affect the information you must submit to the DNR, contact DNRWle-cycling@wisconsin.gov.

Changes to registration/report deadlines

Table 1 summarizes the changes before/during and after the 18-month transition year. Table 2 displays the specific registration/reporting deadlines for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Table 1: Registration and reporting date changes

Report	Deadline before/during transition year	Deadline after transition year
Collector registration/annual report	August 1	February 1
Recycler registration/annual report	August 1	February 1
Recycler mid-year report	February 1	August 1
Manufacturer registration/annual report	September 1	March 1

Table 2: Upcoming registration and reporting deadlines

Report (with statutory reference)	2022	2023	2024
Collector registration/annual report [s. 287.17(7)(a) and (b)]	Aug. 1, 2022	n/a	Feb. 1, 2024
Recycler registration/annual report [s. 287.17(8)(a) and (b)1]	Aug. 1, 2022	n/a	Feb. 1, 2024
Recycler mid-year report [s. 287.17 (8) (b) 2]	Feb. 1, 2022	Feb. 1, 2023	Aug. 1, 2024
Manufacturer registration/annual report [s. 287.17(3)(a)]	Sept. 1, 2022	n/a	March 1, 2024

Manufacturer compliance information

For registered manufacturers, there will be changes in some of the date ranges for reporting sales data for the transition year and subsequent program years. This will in turn affect registration fees and recycling targets.

Table 3 summarizes compliance dates and sales data time periods before and after the transition year. The following definitions will help you interpret the table.

“Program year” is defined by s. 287.17 (1) (k), Wis. Stats., and is the collection period for the recycling target calculated based on the sales weight in the 4th column.

“Registration deadline” is the date the manufacturer’s registration and annual report form is due.

“Sales period for registration fee calculation” is defined under s. 287.17 (4) (b) and (be), Wis. Stats., and means the time period used to determine the fee due with the registration submitted by the deadline listed in that row.

“Sales period for recycling target calculation” is defined under s. 287.17 (5) (a) 1 and 1m, Wis. Stats., and means the recycling target for the program year listed in the first column.

“Report on weight recycled during period” is defined under s. 287.17 (5) (b), Wis. Stats., and means that on the registration and report form due by the deadline in the 2nd column of the row, the manufacturer must report the weight it recycled during this period (the previous program year).

Table 3: Compliance dates for E-Cycle Wisconsin manufacturers

Program Year	Registration deadline	Sales period for registration fee calculation	Sales period for recycling target calculation	Report on weight recycled during period:
PY13 (7/1/2021-6/30/2022)	Sept. 1, 2021	7/1/2020-6/30/2021	7/1/2019-6/30/2020	7/1/2020-6/30/2021
PY14 7/1/2022-12/31/2023	Sept. 1, 2022	7/1/2021-6/30/2022	7/1/2020-12/31/2021	7/1/2021-6/30/2022
PY15 1/1/2024-12/31/2024	March 1, 2024	7/1/2022-12/31/2023	1/1/2022-12/31/2022	7/1/2022-12/31/2023
PY16 1/1/2025-12/31/2025	March 1, 2025	1/1/2024-12/31/2024	1/1/2023-12/31/2023	1/1/2024-12/31/2024
PY17 1/1/2026-12/31/2026	March 1, 2026	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	1/1/2024-12/31/2024	1/1/2025-12/31/2025

Manufacturer registration fee amounts

Effective August 2021 and with the exception of the manufacturer registration fees due in March 2024, the manufacturer registration fee categories, as defined by s. 287.17 (4) (b), Wis. Stats., are:

- Sold fewer than 250 covered electronic devices to Wisconsin households and schools: \$0
- Sold 250 to 499 covered electronic devices to Wisconsin households and schools: \$1,250
- Sold 500 or more covered electronic devices to Wisconsin households and schools: \$5,000

Under s. 287.17 (4) (be), Wis. Stats., the registration fees for the program year following the 18-month transition year (due March 1, 2024), are as follows:

- Sold fewer than 375 covered electronic devices to Wisconsin households and schools: \$0
- Sold 375 to 749 covered electronic devices to Wisconsin households and schools: \$1,875
- Sold 750 or more covered electronic devices to Wisconsin households and schools: \$7,500